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Applicant: Buttery et al.

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For: Process for Preparing Crystalline Salts of Amoxicillin

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the fees, entry of the following amendments and remarks into the record is respectfully requested.

In the Claims:

Please amend the following claims: ✓

B¹ 4 (amended). A process according to claim 1 wherein the first organic solvent is a (C 1-5) alkyl (C 1-5) alkanoate ester.

5 (amended). A process according to Claim 4 wherein the (C 1-5) alkyl (C 1-5) alkanoate ester is methyl acetate.

B² 7 (amended). A process according to claim 1 wherein the second organic solvent is (C1-5) alcohol.

8 (amended). A process according claim 7 wherein the (C1-5) alcohol is methyl alcohol.

B³ 10 (amended). A process according claim 9 wherein the salifying compound is a sodium salt of a (C1-5) alcohol or a salt of a (C1-5) carboxylic acid.